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Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know what is the nature of the allegations?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"They are confidential."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask when the enquiry is likely to be completed in view of the fact that the petition was received on 1st March 1931?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"The Government have ordered an enquiry into the matter; a Special Officer has been deputed for this purpose and it is hoped that the enquiry will be completed soon."

Alleged irregularities in the Mental Hospital, Calicut.

* 541 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the wife of the late store-keeper Govindan filed a suit against Dr. Oommen, late Deputy Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Calicut, in the Munsif's Court, Calicut, for amounts due to her husband in connexion with the kuri fund;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Dr. Oommen when he was in the Mental Hospital, Calicut, was making the patients of the hospital go to his private estate and work there;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the food prepared for the patients of the Hospital or intended for them was used for the coolies working in the estate of Dr. Oommen when he was Deputy Superintendent; and

(*d*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) No.

(*d*) The officer has been transferred from the Mental Hospital and Government have ordered an enquiry into certain allegations made against Dr. Oommen.

Alleged petition against Dr. Oommen, Deputy Superintendent of the Calicut Mental Hospital.

* 542 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Superintendent of the Calicut Mental Hospital enquired into a petition presented against Dr. Oommen by the ward attendants and totis of the hospital making allegations against him regarding a prize kuri; if so, what is the result of the said enquiry and whether the same has been reported to the Government; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government have ordered an enquiry into the allegations made against Dr. Oommen who has already been transferred from Calicut.